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SUBJECT: IMCO: PRESERVATION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT

REF: A. STATE 100732; B. STATE 099443

1. FOLLOWING SUBMISSION MAY 25 OF NON- PAPER ON CONTEMPLATED US INITIATIVE DESCRIBED REF A, EMBOFF MET MAY 29 WITH YU. D. GRITSENKO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, USSR MINISTRY OF MARITIME FLEET (MMF), AND I. T. MATOV, AN MMF OFFICIAL INTRODUCED AS SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ON SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLLUTION OF IMCO COMMITTEE ON MARINE SAFETY. BOTH ARE ACCOMPANYING SOVIET DELEGATION HEAD I. AVERIN TO LONDON EARLY MAY 30 FOR IMCO COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 4-7.

2. PURSUANT REF B, COPY OF NON- PAPER WAS ALSO SUBMITTED MAY 25 TO V. A. ROMANOV, MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION, UNDER COVER OF LETTER RELATING US PROPOSAL TO LOS ISSUES.

3. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF AT MMF, GRISENKO SAID THAT WHILE
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US PROPOSAL RAISED MANY QUESTIONS AND WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL ANALYSIS, HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES FOUND IT " DEFINITELY INTERESTING." HE EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT IMCO SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL FIELD WITHOUT WAITING FOR OR DEFERRING TO OTHER UN BODIES. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION DEVOTED TO CLARIFICATION OF VARIOUS POINTS OF PROPOSED US INITIATIVE, GRITSENKO SEVERAL TIMES NODDED APPROVAL OR OTHERWISE EVINced SEEMINGLY FAVORABLE REACTION. WHILE NOTING THAT REGULATORY POWERS PROPOSED FOR MARINE POLLUTION COMMITTEE WOULD BE " FULLER" THAN ANY CURRENTLY ENJOYED BY AN IMCO COMMITTEE, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THEIR SCOPE.

4. GRITSENKO NOTED EXISTENCE OF GOOD WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR IN IMCO AND SAID SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH US DELEGATION PRIOR TO OPENING OF COUNCIL MEETING, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS AFTERNOON MAY 30 OR SOMETIME MAY 31.
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